

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 564

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Carolyn Pearre of Nashville to the State Board of Education.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-301, provides for the creation of the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has appointed Carolyn Pearre of Nashville to a term on the State Board of Education which will expire on March 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, prior to her retirement in 2001, Carolyn D. Pearre worked as an educator and educational administrator for thirty-four exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pearre, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in speech pathology from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1967 and a Master of Science degree in special education from that same institution in 1978, served as a Speech-Language Therapist for the Richmond, Virginia, School System from 1967 until 1969. She joined the Knox County School System in 1972, serving until 1999, during which time she was a Speech-Language Therapist and preschool teacher, the Lead Teacher at the Fort Sanders Educational Center, and a Program Facilitator for The Center School; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Pearre became a member of the Tennessee Board of Regents in 1999, a term she fulfilled until her retirement in 2001, during which time she served with acumen and alacrity as the Executive Director of the Tech Prep Program; and

WHEREAS, involved in numerous civic organizations, Mrs. Pearre has rendered sterling service as the Vice Chair and 5th Congressional District member of the State Board of Education, as a member of the boards of directors of Hospital Hospitality House and Leadership Knoxville, and as a member of the boards of trustees of the Lakeshore Mental Health Institute and the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Carolyn Pearre is the recipient of the Greater Knoxville Chamber of Commerce BEST Principal Award, the Knoxville YWCA Tribute to Women Award, and East Tennessee and Knox County Teacher of the Year awards, and she was a finalist for the Tennessee Teacher of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Pearre is a person of integrity and an active citizen whose benevolence, acumen, and strong commitment to public service have helped to enhance the well being of this state and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-301, provides that each member appointed by the governor to the State Board of Education shall be confirmed by the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Carolyn D. Pearre to a term on the State Board of Education, such term to expire on March 31, 2016.